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## Concealed carry goes into effect this semester

### Senate Bill allows guns on certain locations around campus



Sydni Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Senate Bill 11 goes into effect this semester allowing two-year colleges students and staff to carry concealed handguns.

The bill went into effect in August 2016 for four-year colleges to carry concealed handguns.

With guns being concealed on campus there are certain requirements for students and staff members that will carry the firearm. The gun owner must be at least 21 years of age and a legal resident of the state for six months before starting the application. The owner can't be convicted of a felony or class A or B misdemeanor, and are qualified under federal and state law to purchase a handgun.

In addition to these requirements there are certain buildings on campus where guns will be prohibited.

Guns are not allowed in campus clinics such as the dental hygiene and physician clinics, but will be allowed in classrooms. Guns are also prohibited in testing centers and places where mental health counseling takes place.

As for student events, guns are not allowed in games but they are allowed in the gym after a game.

Campus Police Chief Randy Melton advises students to contact police immediately if they see a gun: "First we ask them 'Do you think they have a gun? Do you see a bulge To be a violation it has to be intently or knowingly displayed, remember it is concealed not open carry," said Melton. "The majority of TJC students are under 21 years of age so the concealed carry should not be a huge issue on campus. However, there are punishments if someone on campus violates the law. It's a gun-free zone, if they go into that restricted area it depends its going to be case by case sometimes maybe a criminal charge or an administrative issue."

Although the campus police have a positive the reaction among the students and staff is still mixed.

"I'm personally in favor of it as long as they are able to meet the Texas requirements and pass all obligations, that they need to pass

EQUAM ZZRIT ACCUM Guns on display at the Superior Firearms store in Tyler. Pistols like the ones on display will now be allowed on campus if they are concealed by students who meet the requirements as Senate Bill 11 is now in affect.

Courtesy Photo

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## Renovation plans in the near future for TJC

Chris Williams  
Managing Editor

The next generation of TJC students will likely see a new performing arts building. This news comes with fresh renderings for a modernized Wise Auditorium.

According to Mitch Andrews, director of institutional advancement here at TJC, the renovations are essential.

"We knew we needed to work on

this facility especially when you think of all the different high schools around us that include performing art centers within their bond elections," Andrews said.

Wise auditorium opened in 1956 and has not been renovated since the 90s.

The upcoming project will meet the maintenance needs of the current facility, and will also include construction

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PLANS TO BUILD Above: A modernized rendition of TJC's performing arts center featuring an extended lobby. Left: A recital hall and art gallery is in the plan for the future renovations as shown in the artist's rendering.



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## Column



**Quanae Miller**  
Student Life Editor

## The lack of concern is a problem

Last Fall Trump was elected President of the United States of America. It was a nasty, uphill battle between Trump and Hillary Clinton.

The election pitted neighbor against neighbor. And may have even broken up friendships of those who are die hard Democrat or Republican, fighting over who would be the best at representing America.

But why? Was this election really the most important?

Out of all the elections held, this is one of lesser value to be worried about. Yes, having a competent president would be fantastic but it's more important to participate in elections that directly affect your everyday life.

America has continuously seen a decrease in participation in local and state elections. Many people aren't showing up to the polls to vote on state representatives, attorney general, or on the education board.

Those are the people who influence our daily lives. Of many responsibilities, they also control whether education funds are cut or given more money. When education funding is cut then that makes our tuition go up instead of staying the same rate. They must make

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## Column



**Colten Sneed**  
Editor-In-Chief

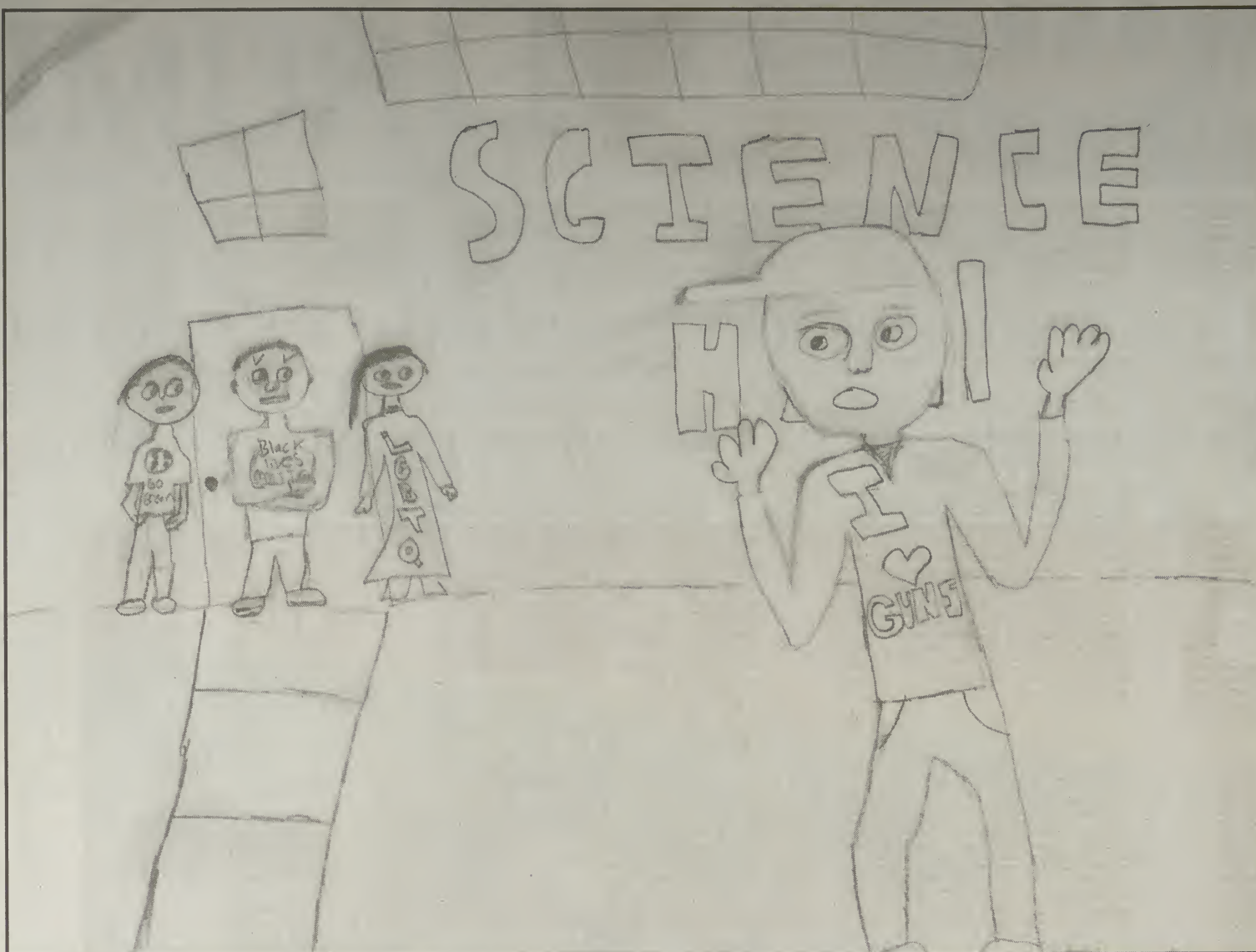
## Surviving school will be hard, but worth it

As we embark upon a new school year, I am very optimistic on what is in store. From the classes I am taking, to the new friends I am sure I will make. However, from my time at TJC, I have noticed that there are many students that do not share my same enthusiasm of learning and school.

I get it. I took a semester off myself after getting in an accident. I get it. It is easy to get burned out on school and want to give up. I was there, but luckily I was one of the few who came back. And I'm glad I did.

I see fellow students in my classes show up for anywhere from one class up to a couple of months and then they fall off the face of the earth. After noticing some of these students who have left, it's kind of disappointing after knowing what it's like being there. You can start

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Cartoon by Chris Williams

## Editorial

# A need for constrained concern

As of fall semester 2017 campus carry is in full effect at Texas community colleges. This means that licensed gun owners can keep a concealed weapon on their person while strolling TJC.

Of course there are some common concerns: the potential for someone to mishandle a concealed weapon, the possibility that a weapon holder will allow their firearm become unconcealed and general apprehension surrounding young adults in possession of firearms.

And there is no way to mask these considerations. They are all potential conflicts. However, in the first year of campus carry these conflicts were minimal.

One of the most prominent incidents relating to a firearm occurred at Tarleton state University where a gun was accidentally discharged inside of a classroom with no resulting injuries. But besides that isolated occurrence, campuses were not put in harm as a result of campus carry.

However, even with the absence of significant concealed carry violations, anti-gun protesters have made plenty of noise about the bill. One teacher at San Antonio College came to school in full combat gear claiming that he felt unsafe due to the new policy, and in nearby Austin, Texas, UT students led a protest that likened carrying a concealed weapon to walking around with a sex object.

Now, although they may be blown out of proportion with statistics, these are just innocuous protests. They are completely acceptable on the grounds that students should be worried about an ability to function safely in college. But real harm occurs when reactions to the bill have an effect in the classroom. This almost happened at the University of Houston.

The Guardian reported that the university delivered a powerpoint to its staff instructing them to steer clear of contentious class topics to avoid setting a concealed weapon holder off. The slide show insisted that instructors needed to emotionally appease concealed carriers instead of teaching planned curriculum. Fortunately, the content did not become a

finalized policy, but it still underscores what may have been the worst effect of concealed carry: paranoia.

Many longstanding teachers and bright students have decided to avoid the Texas university system out of fear for campus carry and their decision appears logical on the surface: my fellow peers may be hiding a weapon that they plan to use against me, so I should just forgo the campus altogether. But this is operating under the assumption that only concealed carriers can walk onto a campus with the intent to harm others with a firearm. Ill minded individuals do not need a license to function, so students should not opt out of plans for an education because of the remote potential for an assault. Besides, there is no data that indicates mass shootings are any more likely on campuses with concealed carry.

In fact, the only major violent assault that took place on a Texas campus last year did not involve a gun. The episode transpired when a student walked onto campus with a bowie knife at U.T. Austin. Dallas news reports that Kendrex White, a 21 year old student at the university, calmly stabbed four male students before being apprehended. Freshman, Harrison Brown died as a result. Assault can happen anywhere regardless of the on campus gun policy. It is up to colleges and universities to provide enough on campus security to protect their students.

While considering the stabbing at UT, the question arises: could campus carry bystanders have prevented the stabbing? Right now it is hard to say. Although Texas is the eighth state to implement campus carry on public campuses, there has not been a lot to report on incidents involving the bill. Looking at the data from last year, it seems to be a moot point. But the general idea behind the bill's implementation is that an armed student could fend off a would be shooter. This year will likely be the indicator. With the bill coming into effect on the majority of public Texas community colleges which make up a considerable amount to the student population, Texans will just have to remain patient and vocal.

## Journalism department teaches and offers real-world training



**Guest Column**  
**Rebecca Najera**  
Alumna

The DrumBeat, formerly known as The Apache Pow Wow, celebrates its 90th anniversary this year, making it one of the oldest student organizations on campus next to Las Mascaras.

My year with The DrumBeat has been the best part of my college experience so far. I came in with absolutely no experience in journalism and didn't know the first thing about how it all worked, but after starting out as Arts editor and working my way to Editor-in-Chief, I learned so much and feel prepared for whatever the future holds for me. I learned the importance of the First Amendment and how important the role of the press is. I know how to write for

both broadcast and print media, how to make news packages, how to take proper photos and shoot footage, how to design pages and what to do when there is breaking news. I even made my own website. I may have only been working for a college paper, but it provided me with real-world, hands-on experience that some universities don't begin to teach their students until they are half way through their college careers. I made some mistakes along the way, of course, but everything that I experienced taught me something and made me better at what I do.

In the past, student media has received backlash for publishing

negative stories, but it is important to understand that as a news organization, the public needs to know about both the good and the bad side of things. It isn't fair to suppress information. Failing to report the negative stories is failing to complete your job as a journalist; it's failing to be honest with your audience. The world isn't all sunshine and rainbows, as cliché as that may sound. It isn't the media's job to advertise that to you. Our job is to report the storms that come along with it, even if it doesn't always receive the positive feedback we like.

At The DrumBeat, students are not told what stories they can and cannot publish. While we do have some of the best advisors around, the students have total control. That is why we have been able to publish some things that may not have always made the school look the best. However, those negative stories have made for positive changes. A student was hit by a car in an area that had a lot of traffic on campus. Student media covered the incident and eventually a crosswalk was put in place. Student media covered a sexual assault case in the dorms that was not reported on the school's website and the statistic was later changed.

Because we published stories like these, our student media department is admired by other junior colleges and universities. When we would go to journalism conferences and tell other students that we were from TJC, we were greeted with admiration and asked about what all we did. When we told them that we wrote, photographed, filmed and edited all of our own work, they were blown away. In the real world, there are jobs for each of those tasks, but since this is such a small organization, we've always had to do it all ourselves. While it's actually a lot of work, you learn so much along the way and I wouldn't take any of it back.

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## Green Committee expansion leads to hefty donation

277 pounds of food donated to local homeless resource center over the span of five months



**Quanae Miller  
Miracle Allison**

Over the span of three months the Green Committee has donated more than 277 pounds of food. From late May to early August the committee has given food to Gateway to Hope.

Dr. Deb Kelley, Department Chair for Behavioral Science, said that the first day they brought food to Gateway to Hope the clients were enthusiastic to have fresh vegetables.

They have expanded further than just on the TJC campus. The committee has partnered with TARGET Academy (Tyler ISD's Academic Resources for the Gifted and Talented) and Douglas Elementary school helping to get their gardens started.

Though the Green Committee has been around for two years, they are only now getting more recognition. Starting a garden had been discussed before. The

committee discussed starting. The committee decided to begin gardening around Vaughn Observatory, but converted that space into a butterfly garden because their crops weren't flourishing.

They needed a plot of land that offered their crops more sunlight. Instead of seeking out a donor for the garden they held out for SSFAC, Student Services Fee Allocation Committee, funding. SSFAC is a group of students and faculty members who decide how funds are divided among student organizations.

Button insisted that the garden be student owned. "It's ownership. There has to be ownership if you're going to commit to something like a garden. A garden is a lifelong project," said Button. It was important for it to be student led because not one individual could run a garden. The campus garden is not only used to donate food to

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Photo by Miracle Allison

**RAPID GROWTH** The campus garden has flourished after only one growing season. The Green Committee first started planting the garden in the fall semester of 2016.

## Representing Tyler Junior College in D.C.: The Patrick Smallwood Internship

**Chris Williams  
Managing Editor**

Patrick Smallwood, TJC student senate president and self proclaimed future president of the United States, improved his political resume this summer on a six-week internship with Representative Louie Gohmert.

Smallwood was the only student from the 1st Congressional District representing a junior college, and he could not have been more grateful.

"I was among the few chosen for the job... and I took great pride in

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Courtesy Photos



**APACHE TAKES OVER D.C.** (Above Right) Patrick Smallwood (right) stands with Representative Louie Gohmert Smallwood spent six weeks in Washington D.C. during his internship. (Above Left) Smallwood poses for a picture with Washington D.C. behind him.





Photo by Chesley Flores

**KICK OFF** The Apache football team runs out on the field before one of their home games last season. TJC will open their season this year on the road at Kilgore on Aug. 26 who they fell to in the playoffs last year 58-51.

## Apache's have sights set on scoring season

### Football prepares to take the field for their first game against Kilgore

**Brianna Harmon**  
Sports Editor

The Apache football team prepares to take the field for the first time after falling to Kilgore 58-51 in the playoffs last season. TJC finished the season 5-4. Coach Danny Palmer is impressed with the froth that the team has had from spring football to now.

"We were able to work out like Division I schools do," said Palmer. "We were also able to get some weight training in. Our starters from the spring got stronger and faster due to this."

The team has added on a few Division 1 scholarship transfers to the team as well.

"The biggest factor of our summer was

gaining new players," said Palmer. "Those are big factors in our football program."

Offensive lineman Willie Allen transferred from LSU, defensive lineman Marcel transferred from The University of Texas, Brandon Johnson from San Houston State and Brennen Wooten transferred from TCU.

"Being here during Summer 2 really bumped the team closer together," said Palmer. "They really got to know one another. It's a completely different football team than what everybody saw in the spring. Because in the spring we didn't even have a scholarship quarterback and now we have Nick Gerber, we have Jeremiah Crawford that is doing really

well and we have Cameron High so those guys have made a lot of difference."

Palmer says that you can expect to see Gerber and Wooten taken the first snaps as the quarterback for the Apaches as they travel to East Texas Baptist University for a scrimmage Aug. 19.

Palmer is pleased with the coaching staff and players as a whole with the way the team is going.

"There is a lot of depth right now," said Palmer. "There is a lot of excitement right now. They have been practicing football a long time I'm really proud of them right now. I am surprised by some of the things we have been able to do. I'm really happy where we are, we

did a lot of community projects this summer that we enjoyed. We didn't do them for publicity we did them because the kids enjoy doing it."

Expectations for the Apache's season has been set high by the players and coaches.

"The only thing you can do is what you have to do that day," said Palmer. "It's an everyday thing, Get better at practice and practice hard, do what's right, be on time to your classes and play every game like it's your last game. Then get ready for the next week. We take everything seriously with a sense of urgency. I like the way we practice, when you practice well it's fun. We think are going to finish well."

## Lady Apache volleyball team optimistic with new faces on team

**Brianna Harmon**  
Sports Editor

The Apache volleyball team has their sights set high this season after finishing ninth at the national tournament last season with a 21-15 record.

The Apache's will bring in eight new faces to the team this season out of the 18 on the roster.

"We are a lot more athletic than I think we were last season," said Coach Brandi Hood. "They are very coachable and are progressing very well."

Hood says expectations for the team are high as the head into the season.

"Expectations for us are always high from a coach standpoint and being at Tyler," said Hood. "Especially with a ninth place finish you don't want to fall off next season so it's to plan to get back to nationals and finish high than you did the season before. It's all about how hard they are willing to work as a unit."

The Apache's are finding their roles as a team and working together to be successful.

"With us we are not the team that has the one trick pony, the one player that just everything for us that we live and die off of. Everyone is a vital piece to it puzzle. Everyone has their moments where they stand out and everyone has their weaknesses that we are trying to build around."

The team is practicing three times a day to prepare for the season.

"We are going through three-a-days right now, we are still doing the conditioning portion, that's huge for us," said Hood. "We expect to have long rallies and we are playing too 25 teams in the nation which means longer games and longer matches. We are really trying to stay conditioned right now and individual skill work, technique, passing and hitting form. Then we have team practices where we are working on connections and working as a unit and trying to get comfortable playing next to one another."

The team's chemistry is also growing as the season approaches.

"Every time I'm sitting in my office listening to them all coming they are karaoiking some song and telling inside jokes," said Hood. "The returners are doing a real good job at bringing the team together and the new kids have done really good job at exposing their personalities and feeling comfortable enough to be themselves."

The Apache's will host the Rose City Classic tournament on Aug. 25 and 26 in the Wagstaff Gym.

They will play on Aug. 25 against Hill College at noon and at 4 p.m. they will play Missouri State University-West Plains. On Aug. 26 at 11 a.m. they Apache's will play San Jacinto Central and at 3 p.m.



Photo by Benjamin Savallo

**HUDDLE UP** The Apache volleyball team comes together before breaking in between a match last season. The team finished 21-15 overall and 3-3 in conference.



## Former Apache arrested for human trafficking

Brianna Harmon  
Sports Editor

After a 10-day human trafficking investigation in Midland, the Texas Department of Public Safety announced several people were arrested, one of the arrested is a former Tyler Junior College football player.

Former Apache running back Aron James Dobbins, 20, was charged with one count of prostitution solicitation of a minor under 18.

Dobbins played at TJC during 2015 and 2016 football seasons.

The investigation was an online investigation to identify and arrest sexual predators.

The Midland County District Attorney's Office, Midland Police Department, Homeland Security Investigations and the Federal Bureau of Investigation also helped in the investigation.



Courtesy, Midland County Jail

Mugshot of Aron James Dobbins, former TJC football player.



Photo by Chesley Flores

**HEAD TO HEAD** The line of Northeast Oklahoma A&M waits for TJC to snap the ball in the homecoming game last September 17. TJC won the game 65-14.

## TJC Football Schedule

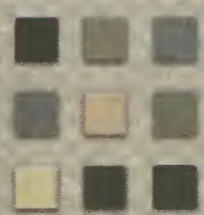
August 26th	@ Kilgore College
August 31st	vs. Texas A&T
September 16	@Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College*
September 23	vs. Cisco College*
September 30	vs. Blinn College*
October 7	vs. Navarro College*
October 14	@ Trinity Valley CC*
October 21	vs. New Mexico Military* Institute
October 28	vs. Kilgore College* **

## TJC Volleyball Schedule

August 18	@ Brookhaven College
August 25	vs. Hill College/ vs. Missouri State University-West Plains
August 26	vs. San Jacinto College-Central/ vs. Temple College
August 29	vs. UT-Tyler
September 2	vs. Iowa Western CC/ @Blinn College
September 13	vs. Trinity Valley CC
September 16	vs. Navarro College
September 22	vs. Odessa College/ vs. New Mexico Military Institute
September 23	vs. Jefferson College/ vs. Mineral Area College
September 27	vs. Panola College
September 28	vs. Monroe College
September 29	vs. Hutchinson CC/ vs. Blinn College
September 30	vs. Indian Hills CC-Ottumwa/ vs. Seward County CC
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October 21	@Navarro College
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## GUNS

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they should be able to carry handguns and concealed weaponry," said biology major Godspower Nwachukwu.

Even some parents have shared some concerns about the law.

"Right now, at this time, I am against it, and the reason being I just think 21 is a bit too young to be able to despair when you use a weapon and not" said parent Sonja Hudson.

Despite the mixed opinions the campus police are confident the law will not produce

any negative issues on or around campus grounds.

"We don't think there is going to be any issues, we really think this is going to be a non-issue," said Melton. "Again, twenty years' worth of history here in Texas, those who have the license are not the ones causing the problem."

There will be signs posted around campus informing students and staff where guns are prohibited.

## PLANS

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extending the lobby. The project comes in at 12.5 million dollars. About 5 million will come from school funds and the other 7.5 million will be met by philanthropic giving.

Construction is likely set to begin by June 1, 2018 and will finish around 12-15 months after.

According to Andrews, the renovations are "very extensive...We're providing another resource on campus that enhances the overall college experience at TJC," Andrews said. Some of the features will include a new stage, new dressing rooms, a new dance studio, and an enclosed courtyard that will contain an art gallery. The update aims to meet the educational needs of the school and the surrounding East Texas community.

"We last year hosted more than 125 arts related events and activities that were open to the public. We want to continue to do that

and encourage more of our public to come on campus and by providing this facility we can help ensure that," Andrews said.

Director Andrews said that this facility's update is a unique cause for one TJC alumnus.

"This project has a special meaning to me.... I performed in musicals not too many years ago," Andrews said with a grin on his face.

He plans to "lead the charge" in raising donor funds for the project.

"We value a comprehensive collegiate experience here at TJC which is one reason why we are such a special 2 year institution," Andrews said. The finished product will be a part of TJC's cultural arts district which includes Wise Auditorium, Jean Brown Theatre, The center for Earth and Space education, and the Tyler museum of art.

## Elections

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up that money somewhere else.

Our priorities are off-kilter and we need to hit the reset button on them. We need to get involved where it counts the most.

Learn when city council meetings are and drop in occasionally to see what's going on in

our county. Find out who are your representatives and reach out to them if you have any concerns or if you feel like they didn't represent your views well.

To change the world, you first have to start at home.

## SCHOOL

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thinking "Why did they leave?" or "I wonder what happened."

When thinking this, this is where you can start accusing people and claiming things you don't know. Life happens, that is what happened to me, and happens to everyone. Others do just dropout after giving up. Some just get burned out. One thing is common in these students however. Each one was in school and is now is not. The worst thing about it is that very few ever go back to school.

I know plenty of friends and family who at one point went to college and did not finish,

and I know plenty of people that have friends that also went to college and did not finish. Statistics show that 30% of freshman dropout after their first year of college.

Financially, this is devastating. 50% of college dropouts make less than \$35,000 in annual income according to College Atlas.

So if any point during the semester you feel like giving up, remember those stats and keep pushing. Don't be afraid to talk to someone about it too. College is supposed to be hard and the degree is definitely worth it in the end.

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I feel that TJC's student media is the school's hidden gem. We're successful and admired by many with plenty of awards and recognitions to show for it. We have alumni working as close to home as the Tyler Paper and CBS 19 and as far as working for NBC Universal. Our students are talented and go on to be successful in their careers.

At this time in our country's history, I feel that is important now more than ever for student media to be around on college campuses. It's important for students to learn and be able to express their First Amendment rights. We're here for you and want you to use your voice. Here's to ninety years and ninety more to come!

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representing Tyler Junior College," he said.

During his stay in D.C., Smallwood was able to get a close up on congressional policy making. He said the work was fun and engaging, but he had to be diligent while serving the more than 500,000 residents from representative Gohmert's district.

"You had to be an excellent multitasker," he said.

His job consisted of a wide variety of tasks such as taking phone calls, answering emails and shadowing Gohmert's staff.

While on breaks or errand runs, Smallwood would routinely run into his local representative and the two would laugh it up over a joke.

"He made sure we were taken care of... [and] after working 6 weeks with him I can say that he was the real deal," said Smallwood in describing the congressman's generosity.

Smallwood also had a few words to defend the work of our national congressmen: "Regardless of what people think of congress, they truly help...435 representatives and 100 senators from all over America come to this one spot to make decisions that affect our everyday lives."

Smallwood went on to make it clear that he was impassioned by his work "to observe

our government at work up close is an awe inspiring moment," he said.

Smallwood knew from a young age that reaching an office Washington D.C. would be on his to do list in life: "during the second grade I was assigned a project over President Abraham Lincoln. And through this project, I discovered my passion for politics. I have aspired to be president of the United states ever since that time."

As of this summer he is one step closer, but he may not have to wait to long to display some presidential skills. Smallwood hoped that the results of his internship might be found right here at TJC in the upcoming school year.

When asked how his trip would affect his leadership as student senate president, Smallwood noted that it allowed him to see that a true leader "listens to people" and "unlocks the potential in others." He pointed toward the idea of leadership as being more altruistic than anything else.

And he also wants his fellow classmates and countrymen alike to know that "with determination and passion anyone from any background can achieve whatever they want."

Finding his way from TJC to D.C., Smallwood has already started to made a great case for his argument

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Gateway but it's a place that any of the students can gather, whether to pick a vegetable off a vine or to help tend the garden.

"Students can come back here two years, four years, eight years from now and realize

they left their thumbprint on this institution," said Button.

Students interested in joining the Green Committee can attend their first meeting, at 4 p.m. on Thursday of the 1st week of school at

## General Information Numbers

**Tyler Junior College**  
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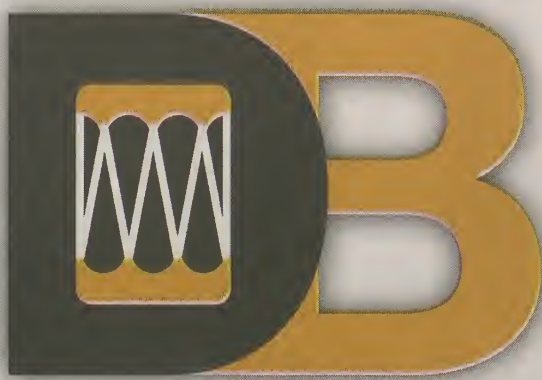
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Anonymous Title IX Hotline: 903-533-5599

Title IX Coordinator: 903-510-2186

East Texas Crisis Center: 903-595-5591 or Toll Free: 800-333-0358

Andrews Center: 903-597-1351 (suicide)

Salvation Army: 903-592-4361

Tyler Junior College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution. Complete information is available at www.tjc.edu.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Monday Aug. 21**  
Pathfinders  
8-10 a.m.  
Classes Begin

**Tuesday Aug. 22**  
Pathfinders  
8-10 a.m.

**Wednesday Aug. 23**  
Involvement Fair  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Outsidie between Rogers Student Center  
and Whie Administrative Services Center

**Thursday Aug. 24**  
Movies on the lawn  
Guardians of the Galay Vol. 2  
8 p.m. Jenkins Lawn

**Friday Aug. 25**  
2nd Annual work-study Job Fair  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
2nd floor Rogers Student Center  
Rose City Classic Volleyball Tournament  
Wagstaff Gymnasium

**Saturday Aug. 26**  
TJC Football Vs. Kilgore College  
7 p.m.  
Kilgore College

TJC Men's Soccer Vs. Mississippi Gulf Coast CC  
8 p.m.  
Pat Hartley Field

**Monday Aug. 28**  
Sign Shop and Photo Booth  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
2nd Floor Rogers Student Center

**Tuesday Aug. 29**  
Student Seneate General Assenbly  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Jenkins 1109  
Apache Cheifs Interest Meeting  
5 p.m.  
Jenkins Hall Room 1109  
TJC Volleyball Vs. UT-Tyler  
6 p.m.  
Wagstaff Gymnasium  
Bingo Night  
7p.m. 2nd floor Rogers Student Center

**Wednesday Aug. 30**  
Paint At The Pond  
7 p.m.  
Outside Jean Browne Theatre

**Thursday Aug. 31**  
Gold Rush Tailgate  
5 p.m.  
Parking lot F-3

TJC Football Vs. Texas A&T  
7 p.m.  
Rose Stadium

**Friday, Sep. 1**  
Great Performance Series  
1 pm  
Jean Brown Theatre

**Monday, Sep. 4**  
Labor Day-Campus Closed

**Tuesday Sep. 5th**  
Student Senate Genreal Assembly  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Jenkins 1109  
**Tuesday Evening**  
Performance Series  
7:30 p.m.  
Jean Brown Theatre

**Friday, Sep. 8th**  
Studio 103 Play  
Reading Series  
3 p.m.  
Fine Arts Building Room 103

**Saturday, Sep. 8th**  
Studio 103 Play Reading Series  
7 p.m.  
Fine Arts Building Room 103  
The Venue

9 p.m-11 p.m.  
Jean Brown Theatre

**Tuesday, Sep. 12th**  
Student Senate General Assembly  
4 p.m.- 5 p.m.  
Jenkins 1109

**Wednesday, Sep. 13**  
Apache Chief Interest Meeting  
Apache Room 2 Rogers Student Center

**Wednesday, Sep. 15**  
Great Performance Series  
1 p.m.  
Jean Brown Theatre

**Monday, Sep. 18th**  
12 Week Classes begin

**Tuesday, Sep. 19th**  
Student Senate General Assembly  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Jenkins 1109

**Wednesday, Sep. 20th**  
The Olive Press  
7:30 p.m.  
Jean Brown Theatre

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### DR. METKE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS AT COLLEGE

Dr. Mike Metke, celebrated 10 years as president of TJC on Tuesday, August 15

### TJC RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM MARKS 15 YEARS OF PERFECTION

TJC radiologic technology program reaches 15 years of 100 percent of students passing the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist national exams.

### DONNA METKE NAMED HONORARY APACHE BELLE

Wife of the president of TJC, Donna Metke was named an honorary Belle on Tuesday, August 15.

### TJC SCIENCE CENTER HOSTING ECLIPSE VIEWING

The totally solar eclipse will be covered live starting at 10 a.m. Monday, August 21 at the TJC science center.

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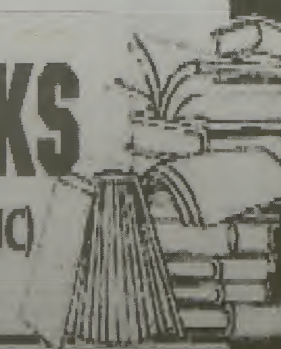
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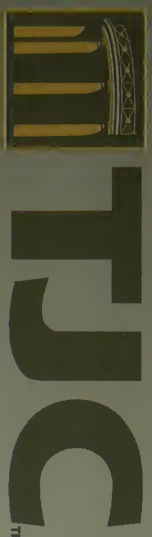
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<b>ACADEMICS, ADMINISTRATION &amp; SERVICES</b>	
38. Apache Belle Studio	7. Residential Life & Housing (RLH)
16a. Apache Rooms	1. Robert M. Rogers Nursing & Health Sciences Center (RNHS)
13. Baldwin Facilities & Construction (BMB)	1a. Dental Hygiene Clinic
36. Band Hall	16. Rogers Student Center (RSC)
11. Campus Safety (CS)	16c. Campus Safety Substation
12. Campus Safety Annex	41. Satellite Physical Plant
6. Campus Services (PRCH)	17. Vaughn Conservatory (VC)
29. Fine Arts (FA)	21. Vaughn Library (LRC)
22. Genecov Science Buildings(G)(G2)(GB)	9. Dual Credit/Early College Office (DCB)
25. Jenkins Hall (J)	20. White Administrative Services Center (WASC)
27. Pirtle Technology (T)	32. Wise Cultural Arts (WCA)
23. Potter Hall (P)	
5. Research & Marketing Services (RMS)	
<b>RESIDENCE HALLS</b>	
8. Bateman Hall	43. Athletic Field House (FH)
3. Claridge Hall	42. Athletic Strength & Conditioning Facility
2. Crossroads Hall	34. Intramural Field
18. Holley Hall	33. JoAnn Medlock Murphy Tennis Center (IMTC)
10. Hudnall Hall	26. Louise Brookshire Community Tennis Complex
40. Louise H. & Joseph Z. Ornelas Residential Complex	37. Ornelas Health & Physical Education Center (OHPE)
<b>ATHLETIC FACILITIES</b>	
4. Sledge Hall	44. Pat Hartley Complex & Concession Stand
19. Vaughn Hall	45. Pat Hartley Field
14. Wesley House	35. Wagstaff Gymnasium (WG)
<b>ATTRACTIONS</b>	
24. Gatewood Garden	
31. Ina Brundrett Azalea Garden	
32a. Jean Browne Theatre (JB7)	
28. The Center for Earth & Space Science Education	
39. Tyler Museum of Art	
30. Wise Auditorium (WA)	
<b>DINING</b>	
16b. Apache Junction Cafeteria	
2a. Chick-Fil-A	
21a. Starbucks	
27a. Subway	
<b>WEST CAMPUS</b>	
46. Energy Center (ECB)	
47. Skills Training Center (STC)	
48. Regional Training and Development Center (RTDC)	

## Clubs and Organizations With Contact Information

<b>Apache Academic Council</b>	903-510-2498	<b>Recreation Sports</b>
Caitlin Ibarra-Mullen	<b>Green Committee</b>	Eric Book
903-510-2259	Ryan Button	903-510-2613
<b>Apache Catholics</b>	936-615-4204	<b>Residents Hall Association</b>
Susie Johnston	<b>Hispanic Student Organization</b>	Patti Light
903-539-6852	Nidia Hassan	903-510-3335
<b>Apache Chiefs</b>	903-510-2883	<b>Student Nurses Organization</b>
Murphy Turner	<b>Infinite Apaches</b>	Shelley K. Welch
903-510-3133	Shurrell Wiebe	903-510-2565
<b>Apache Renegades</b>	903-705-2882	<b>Student Occupational Therapy Assistants</b>
Eric Book	<b>International Education Club</b>	Elizabeth Olivia
903-510-2613	Manoucher Khosrowshahi	903-510-2362
<b>Bahai' Club of TJC</b>	903-510-2279	<b>Student Physical Therapy Assistants</b>
Karen Anglin	<b>International Game Developers Association</b>	Dr. Christine Melius
903-510-2766	David Alger	903-510-2544
<b>Baptist Student Ministry</b>	903-510-2534	<b>Student Senate/ Sigma Alpha Pi</b>
Mark Jones	<b>Las Mascaras</b>	Lauren Tyler
903-592-0382	David Crawford	903-510-2611
<b>Black Student Association</b>	903-510-2678	<b>Tau Beta Sigma</b>
Courtney Pickett	<b>Phi Ro Pi Speech and Debate</b>	Debbie Spradlin
903-360-5719	M'Iss Hindman	903-510-2466
<b>Brother 2 Brother/ Sister 2 Sister</b>	903-510-2206	<b>TJC Fishing Team</b>
Marie Davis	<b>Phi Theta Kappa</b>	Jack Caddell
903-510-3342	Gigi Delk	903-312-4740
<b>Campus Ministry International</b>	903-510-2355	<b>TJC Video Game Club</b>
Bryan Baker	<b>Presidential Honors Program</b>	Daniel McKenzie
903-787-9067	Lauren Maldonado	903-530-2574
<b>Criminal Justice Student Association</b>		
Patricia Coplan		